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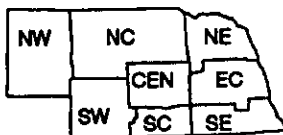
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged from eight to eighteen degrees below normals. Precipitation in the form of snow produced from a tenth of an inch of moisture in the northwest up to over an inch of moisture in the central portion of the State.

GENERAL

Storms moving across the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska during the last half of February provided six to twelve inches of snow cover and made livestock care difficult, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. With the ground too frozen for tillage, producers have been busy with tax preparation, ASCS applications, educational meetings, and 1994 spring crop planning. Farm-stored grains appear to be keeping well, although warm temperatures at mid-month caused concern.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated as 3% poor, 26% fair, 57% good, and 14% excellent. Protective snow cover was adequate in most areas of the State except the Panhandle, where snow depth was less than one inch. As a result, some erosion damage was reported.

LIVESTOCK

The extremely cold conditions during the last part of February were hard on livestock. Some losses of young calves and lambs were reported. Due to the depth of snow across the middle third of the State, getting feed to livestock has taken extra effort. Calving activities were well underway with calving near 25% complete. Condition of cattle and calves was rated at 2% poor, 31% fair, and 67% good. Supplies of hay were mostly adequate, with quality alfalfa selling at premium prices.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY & FORAGE AS OF FEBRUARY 25, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	PERCENT										
Feed Grains - Short	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	14	5	4	1
- Adequate	100	100	100	100	81	100	100	86	93	88	71
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	8	28
Hay and Forage - Short	0	0	0	0	19	0	11	14	9	4	2
- Adequate	100	100	100	100	75	100	89	86	89	87	87
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	9	11

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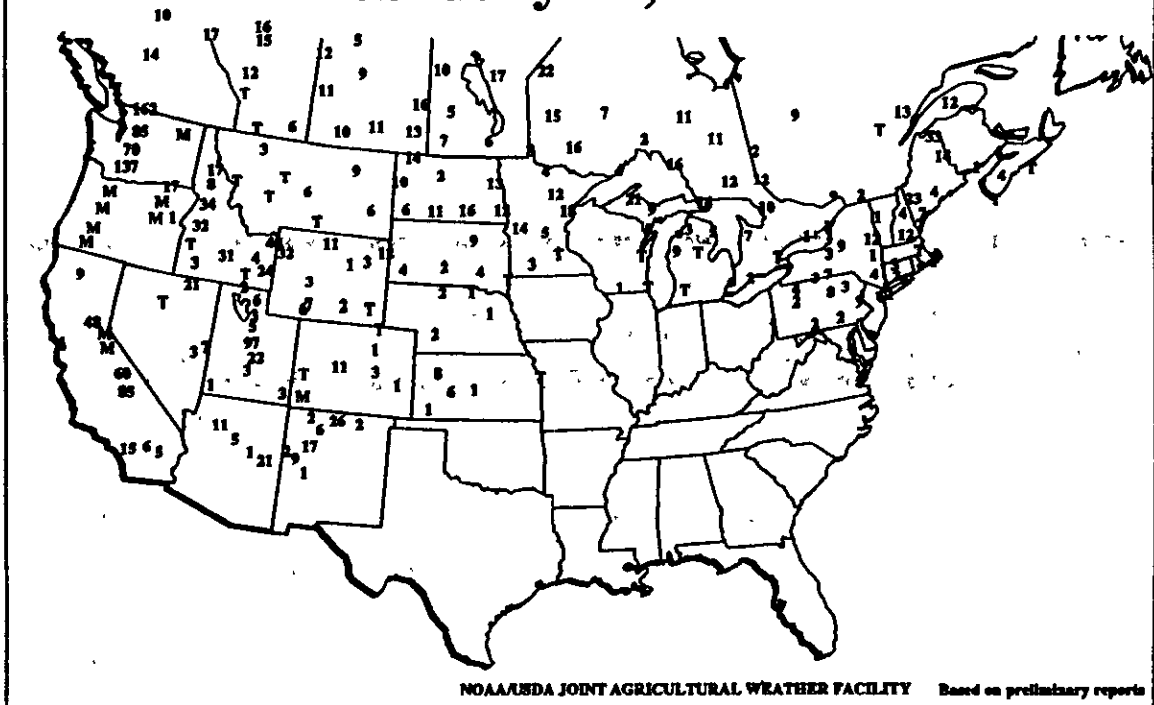
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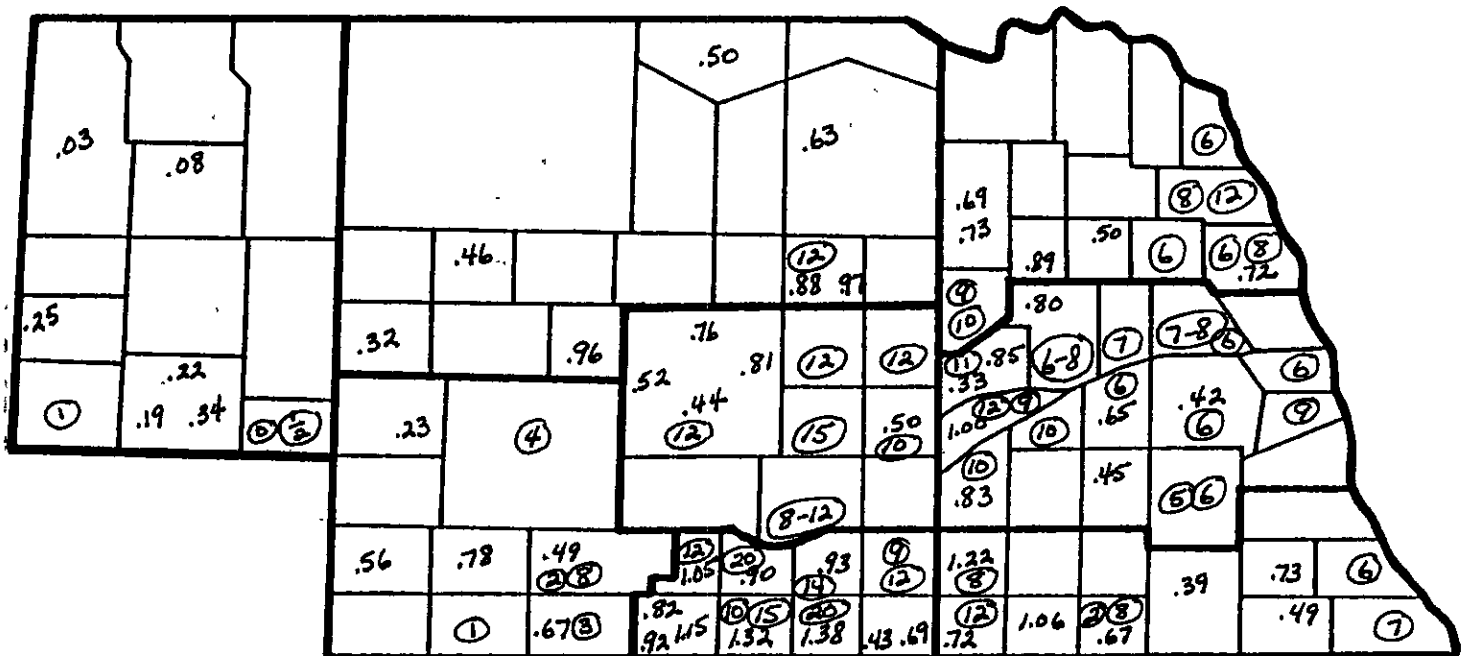
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Total Snow Cover (Inches)

February 22, 1994



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1994



Circled numbers represent depth of snow in inches as of February 25, 1994.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1994

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	44	-4	18	---	.10
	Scottsbluff	53	1	24	-8	.39
	Sidney	53	3	24	---	.03
NC	Valentine	34	-9	11	-16	.33
NE	Norfolk	28	-6	13	-14	.68
	Sioux City	27	-3	15	-12	.49
CEN	Grand Island	26	-5	12	-18	1.02
	Ord	31	-4	14	---	0
EC	Lincoln	32	-5	16	-14	.35
	Omaha	35	0	18	-12	.86
SW	Imperial	52	-2	21	---	.29
	North Platte	48	5	20	-10	.24

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.